IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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FELIX HENRY

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the aboveidentified application, filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 3" to --Claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 4" to --Claim 1 or 2--.

Claim 10, line 1, change "any one of Claims 7 to 9" to --Claim 7 or 8--.

Claim 11, line 1, change "any one of Claims 7 to 10" to --Claim 7 or 8--.

Claim 12, line 1, change "any one of Claims 7 to 11" to --Claim 7 or 8--.

Claim 13, line 3, change "1 to 12" to --1, 2, 7, or 8--.

Claim 17, line 1, change "any one of Claims 14 to 16" to --Claim 14 or 15--.

Claim 18, line 1, change "any one of Claims 14 to 17" to --Claim 14 or 15--.

Claim 20, line 1, change "any one of Claims 14 to 19" to --Claim 14 or 15--.

Claim 24, line 1, change "any one of Claims 21 to 23" to --Claim 21 or 22--.

Claim 25, line 1, change "any one of Claims 21 to 24" to --Claim 21 or 22--.

Claim 26, line 1, change "any one of Claims 21 to 25" to --Claim 21 or 22--.

Claim 27, line 1, change "any one of Claims 21 to 26" to --Claim 21 or 22--.

Claim 28, line 3, change "14 to 27" to --14, 15, 21, or 22--.

Claim 29, lines 2-3, change "1 to 13" to --1, 2, 7, or 8--.

Claim 30, line 2, change "14 to 28" to --14, 15, 21, or 22--.

Claim 31, line 2, change "claims 1 to 13" to the following --Claims 1, 2, 7, or 8--.

Claim 32, line 3, change "claims 14 to 28" to the following --Claims 14, 15, 21, or 22--.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, multiple dependencies have been eliminated from the claims.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100 or by

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Respectfully submitted,

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